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Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A-08B is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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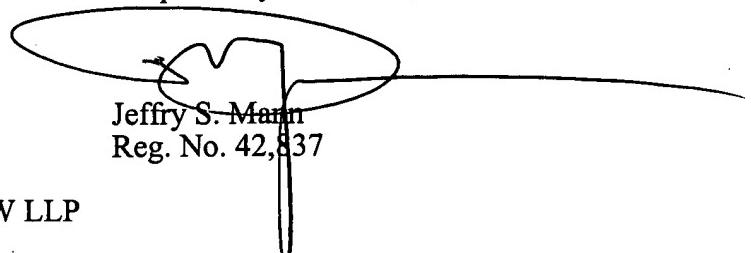
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